GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:821
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INCLUSION OF BISHNOI CASTE IN OBC LIST
Bishnoi Shri Jaswant Singh

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has received any request for inclusion of `Bishnoi` caste of Rajasthan in the central list of other backward classes;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Union Government thereto; and

(c) the time by which the request is likely to be acceded to?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) & (c) The inclusion of a caste/community in the Central List of OBCs is decided on the advice of the National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC).The NCBC had examined the requests for inclusion of`Bishnoi`caste of Rajasthan and had not advised for their inclusion in the Central List of OBCs for Rajasthan.